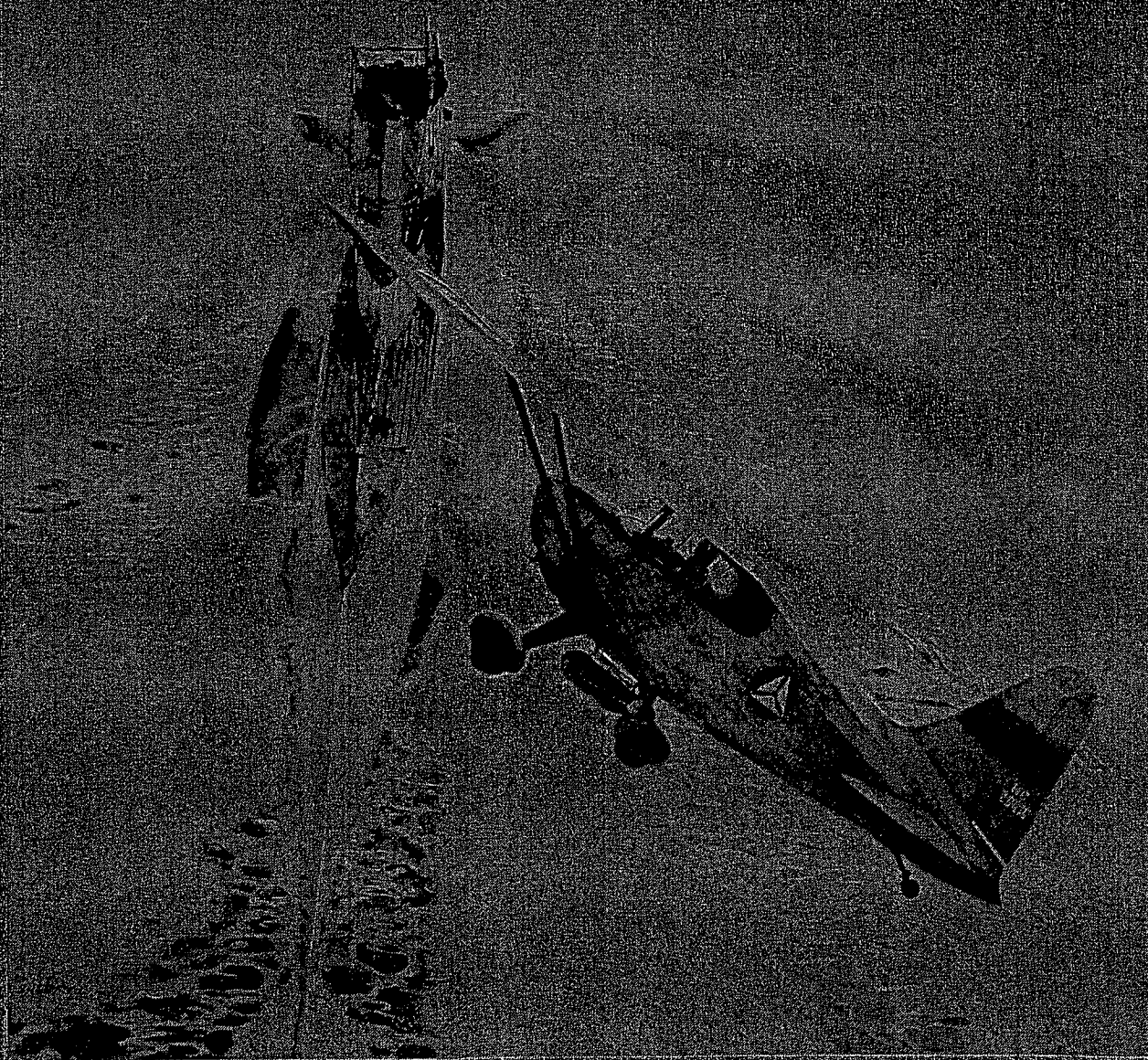
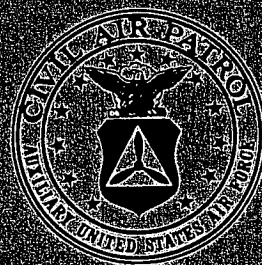


33rd Anniversary ANNUAL REPORT 1974



ALASKA WING
CIVIL AIR PATROL





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ALASKA WING

BOX 1836

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99510



OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER

TO THE GOVERNOR OF ALASKA AND MEMBERS OF THE TENTH ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Civil Air Patrol, a state-wide entity, made up wholly of unpaid volunteers, whose sole purpose for existence is to serve the State and its communities, has been caught in the inflation crunch. The costs of maintenance of aircraft and facilities has risen astronomically and will continue to expand with the building of the pipeline which is in its infancy.

The vital services of Civil Air Patrol in taking over search and rescue from the Air Force has saved this branch of the Armed Services millions of dollars, and none too soon as the military is suffering from vital cutbacks.

The E.L.T. (Emergency Locator Beacon) law passed by the legislature that requires planes to have one aboard has proven itself, cutting the time in locating planes substantially to five hours per search on an average. This has saved many lives where time is vital, and it is impossible to see the downed plane from the air. The use of E.L.T.'s also cuts down the risk for search planes and crew in adverse conditions and also saves on gas and wear and tear on CAP aircraft. Twenty-one CAP aircraft throughout the state are equipped with directional finding equipment to pinpoint locator beacons.

With the severe cutback to the military and consequent reductions to Civil Air Patrol, the CAP will have to rely more and more on the state and its communities to continue its vitally needed services.

I want to thank the Legislature and communities of the state for their support in the past, and I'm sure they will arise to the needs of the future as CAP will have to look for this support more than ever for its very existence.

Col. J. Vic Brown
Commander — Alaska Wing
Civil Air Patrol

COMMAND



Col. J. Vic Brown
Commander, Alaska Wing



LTCOL Russell J. Anderson
Deputy Commander



LTCOL Margaret Cook
Chief of Staff



Major Bill Waldron
Commander — Polaris Group



LTCOL Ralph Warren
Commander — Southeastern Group
Lt. Col. Warren retired in 1974 and
his successor is Maj. Bernie Bennett



Capt. Ralph Migliaccio
Commander — Yukon Group

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

National Headquarters Civil Air Patrol is located at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. Each Wing Headquarters provides command and staff supervision over its subordinate units.

UNITS OF THE ALASKA WING CAP — 1974

YUKON GROUP

Clear Senior Squadron
Fairbanks Cadet Squadron
Kotzebue Senior Squadron
Nome Senior Flight

POLARIS GROUP

Anchorage Cadet Squadron
Cordova Senior Squadron
Dimond Cadet Squadron
Elmendorf Cadet Squadron
Glacier Cadet Squadron
Homer Composite Squadron
Kenai Composite Squadron
Matanuska Valley Composite Squadron
Seward Composite Squadron
Soldotna Composite Squadron

SOUTHEASTERN GROUP

Baranof Senior Squadron
Juneau Cadet Squadron
Ketchikan Cadet Squadron

WING HEADQUARTERS

Bethel Senior Flight

CIVIL AIR PATROL
AUXILIARY OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS - MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, ALABAMA 36112



WILLIAM M. PATTERSON
BRIGADIER GENERAL, CAP
CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL BOARD
222 IVY HILL ROAD
COCKEYSVILLE, MARYLAND 21030
PHONE: 301-586-1221

13 February 1975

Colonel James V. Brown, Jr., CAP
Alaska Wing Commander
Box 1836
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Bud

Have just been informed by General Westberg that the Alaska Wing has made one of the most remarkable saves in Civil Air Patrol history.

Eight people and their loved ones are forever in CAP's debt thanks to the vigilance, skill and courage exhibited by you and the members of your command.

My congratulations to each member of the Alaska Wing who made this monumental humanitarian effort a reality. Please commend all involved for me, both personally and officially, on a magnificent job done in the true Alaskan spirit of dedication and self sacrifice.

CAPTively yours

WILLIAM M. PATTERSON
Brigadier General, CAP
Chairman, National Board

Box 147

SOLDOTNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
A part of JUNEAU JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
SOLDOTNA, ALASKA 99589

Phone 267-1919

November 22, 1974

Civil Air Patrol
Polaris Squadron
Box 8918
Anchorage, Alaska

99508

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend your organization for the very efficient manner in which they conducted the recent aerial search, resulting in the location of my downed aircraft. We were located within three hours after activating our locator beacon, in the area of Drift River.

Very truly yours,
Clark Whitney
Clark Whitney

CV:c

REPLY TO
AFR 005

SUBJECT: Annual SAR Test

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
CIVIL AIR PATROL
Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama 36112

13 JAN 1975



To: Commander, Alaska Wing CAP

1. It is indeed a pleasure to review your evaluation report and note the "Excellent" rating awarded for the Alaskan Wing SAR Test.
2. The Alaska Wing has consistently been the leader in missions to relieve human suffering. It is this dedicated work and professional attitude of the personnel that have given the Alaska Wing the reputation of being the busiest and one of the most productive wings in the Civil Air Patrol.
3. Please extend my congratulations to your wing for achieving this high rating. I am confident you will continue your excellent record.

FOR THE NATIONAL COMMANDER
James W. Shattuck
James W. Shattuck, Colonel, USAF
Operations

Colonel James V. Brown
Commander, Alaska Wing CAP
P.O. Box 1836, Anchorage, AK, 99501

Dear Colonel Brown,
Please convey my appreciation to the Polaris Cadet Ranger Team for the invaluable assistance rendered during a recent Rescue Coordination Center mission.

The mission involved the search for Mr. Robert Wymer, 75 years old, missing in the vicinity of Cold Creek Lake, 60 miles west of Anchorage. The Cadets responded to a short notice request with 12 Rangers to commence the initial ground search. They were alerted to the search area along with the Alaska State Trooper and searched throughout 17 Nov and continued a thorough search throughout 18 Nov. These highly motivated young people conducted sub-freezing temperatures and up to three feet of snow. The search effort was brought to a conclusion during the afternoon of 18 Nov when Mr. Wymer was overhauled and returned to the ground. The Alaska State Trooper, who was by the Cadet Ranger Team, conducted the search and hunting equipment was located and returned to the Polaris Group. This mission was selected for the annual SAR evaluation of the Alaska Wing. The response and manner in which the Cadets conducted the ground search operation brought favorable comments from the Air Force personnel selected to conduct the evaluation and was partially responsible for the wing's superior rating.

This unselfish and professional response reflects credit upon the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program, the Polaris Group and the Alaska Wing CAP. This assistance is typical of the outstanding co-operation afforded the RCC by the Alaska Wing, Civil Air Patrol.

Sincerely,

George S. El Drif, Col, USAF
Chief, Rescue Coordination Center

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS ALASKA AIR COMMAND
400 HANSEN BLVD
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99503

2 NOV 1974



Greater
Juneau Chamber of Commerce
200 N. Franklin Street
"SERVING ALASKA'S CAPITAL"
(907) 586-2201
Juneau, Alaska 99801

December 12, 1974

Mr. Sam Richards
City Assessor's Office
City and Borough of Juneau
155 S. Seward Street
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Mr. Richards:

Your presentation to our Greater Juneau Chamber of Commerce was excellent. I am sure that a better rapport can be established between the business community and the needs of the Civil Air Patrol. We will endeavor to assist you in your endeavors. Again, thanks and a most joyful Holiday Season and health and success to you and yours in the New Year.

Sincerely,
R. A. "Dutch" Dorr
Executive Vice President

RAD:ew

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

USAF LIAISON

OFFICE INPUT

The Civil Air Patrol was created on 1 December 1941 as part of the Office of Civil Defense. The purpose of its formation was to organize a volunteer fleet of light aircraft to support national mobilization by freeing military aircraft for higher priority missions. Later the CAP was shifted to the War Department and assigned to the Army Air Corps. After the war, the CAP-USAF relationship was formalized by public law. The CAP was incorporated as a benevolent nonprofit organization and is today a civilian corporation rather than a military organization. In 1948 Public Law 557, 80th Congress, designated the CAP as the "Civilian Auxiliary of the Air Force." This law authorized the Air Force to aid the organization. It should be noted that the Air Force does not *control* the CAP, but it does support CAP in liaison and advisory capacity in addition to reimbursement of certain expenses incurred during search and rescue missions.

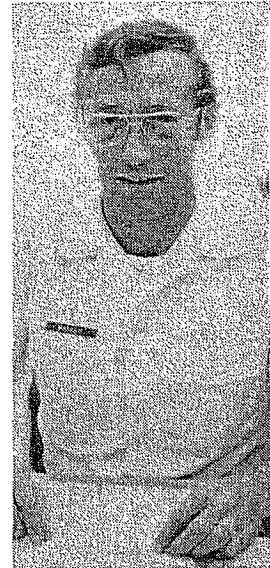
To assure CAP the necessary support and assistance to accomplish its mission, the USAF has established liaison offices manned by active duty USAF advisory personnel. Major Glen W. Walder and Senior Master Sergeant Thomas C. Parker are assigned to the Alaskan USAF-CAP Liaison Office. This office helps provide surplus supplies, maintenance assistance, transportation, real estate, and management advice in order that CAP may continue to accomplish its mission.

Following is a summary of some of the USAF support provided to the Alaskan Wing through the USAF Liaison Office during CY 1974:

1. Over \$321,000.00 of excess DOD property transferred to the Alaska Wing, CAP, consisting of:
 - a. Two DeHaviland U-1A Otter aircraft.
 - One DeHaviland U-1A Otter for spare parts. Not to be flown.
 - c. Aircraft components and spare parts.
 - d. Office equipment and furniture.
 - e. One 25 passenger bus.
 - f. One 4-wheel drive six passenger truck.
 - g. Test equipment and communications gear.
 - h. Survival gear and clothing.
 - i. Maintenance equipment.
2. Use of a \$500,000 Air Force building for Alaska Wing Headquarters.
3. Repair and painting of a CAP Beaver U6A aircraft.
4. Repair of numerous aircraft components that were beyond CAP maintenance capability.
5. Support of Cadets from throughout the State to Summer Encampment at Eielson AFB.
6. Airlift support to the National Convention in San Francisco in September 1974.
7. Airlift support to the Pacific REGION Conference in Denver in July 1974.
8. \$19,102.47 paid by the Air Force for fuel and oil consumed during search and rescue missions.
9. Facilities and support for an Aerospace Education Workshop held at Elmendorf AFB.

The Civil Air Patrol continues to be the prime search and rescue organization in America. In Alaska, where aviation plays a dominant role in transportation, the Civil Air Patrol accomplishes the major share of SAR flying hours. In 1974, the Alaska Wing flew 1,962.5 hours on active SAR missions. This is only possible due to the voluntary and dedicated efforts of all CAP members. This devotion to duty is the touchstone of the organization and has led to the founding of an extremely close working relationship between CAP and the USAF.

In this age of the shrinking dollar, more reliance will be placed upon the CAP for search and rescue efforts in the future. The Alaska Wing is ready for the task. With strong wings and good men at their controls, how can they fail?



Major Glen Walder [L], Commander of Liaison Office, and M/Sgt. Tom C. Parker, Assistant.

ALASKA WING STAFF PERSONNEL

Administrative and Advisory

DEPUTY COMMANDER

LTCOL Russell J. Anderson

CHIEF OF STAFF

LTCOL Margaret M. Cook

ADMINISTRATION

Maj. Dorothy E. Emerton, Director
S/M Marianne F. Kopiasz, Records Officer

AEROSPACE EDUCATION

Maj. Keith A. Trexler, Director
S/M Ronald F. Stickney, Workshop

CADETS

Major DeVerl Peterson, Director

CHAPLAIN

LTCOL John L. Maakestad

COMMUNICATIONS

Maj. Wilse G. Morgan, Director
2DLT Edward C. Lochrie, Ass't. Director

FINANCE

Maj. Catherine F. English, Director
S/M Janice T. Talbott, Clerk

INFORMATION

LTCOL Allen H. Shewe, Director
2DLT Virginia E. Richardson, Ice Cap

LEGAL

LTCOL David J. Pree

LOGISTICS

Maj. Robert W. Reinert, Director
2DLT Wm. C. Burton, Jr., Supply
Capt. Monte H. Sargent, Transportation
S/M Alvin L. Shearer, Air Maintenance

OPERATIONS

Capt. Mitchell E. Abood, Jr., Director
LTCOL Albert J. Crook, Ch/Ck Pilot
LTCOL Albert J. Crook, St/Ev
LTCOL Allen H. Shewe, CD
S/M Janis M. Keeney, Clerk

PERSONNEL

2DLT Verleen F. Dale, Director

RESERVE

Maj. Keith A. Trexler, Coordinator

SENIOR TRAINING

Capt. Shirley B. Fletcher, Director and Test
Officer

SAFETY

S/M David L. Burroughs, Director
S/M Jerry L. Sutton, Ass't. Director

ADVISOR TO COMMANDER

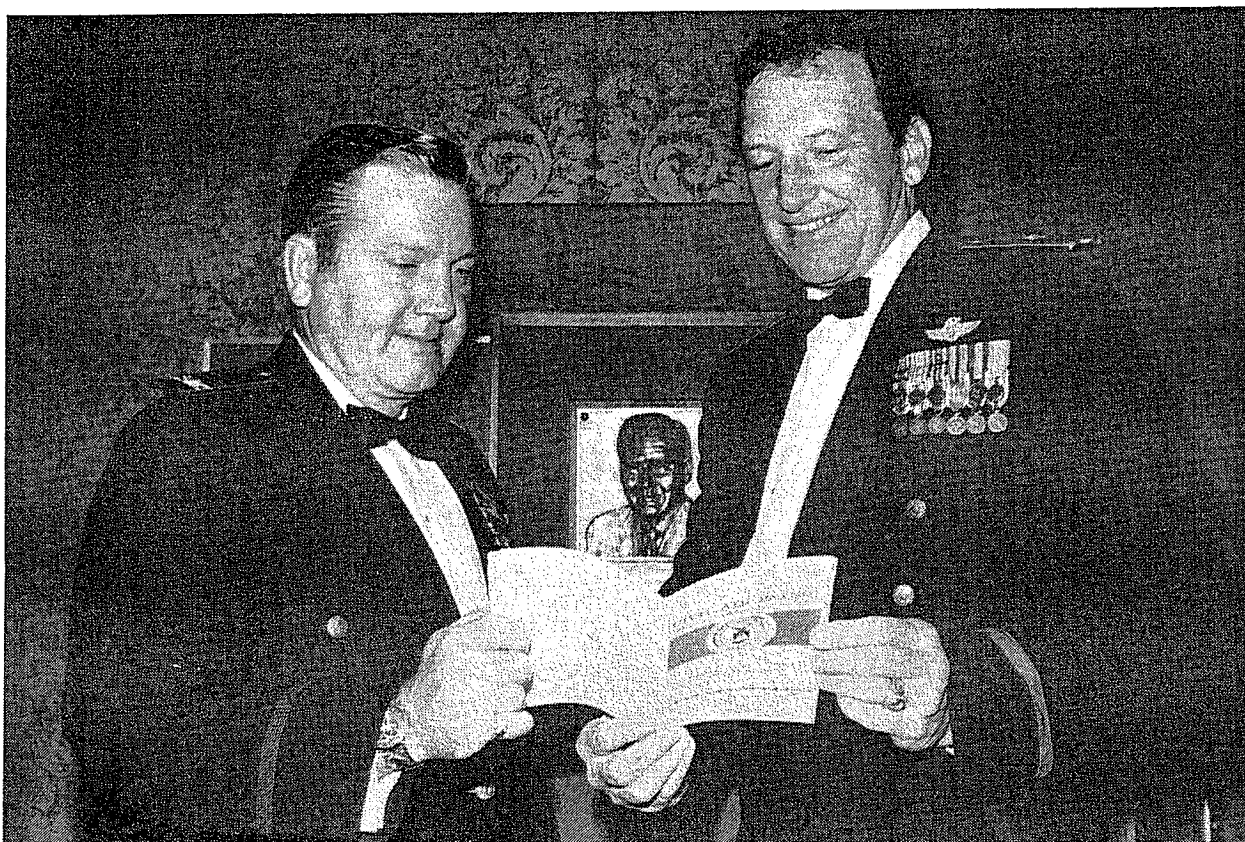
Col. James E. Carter

BOOKSTORE

Capt. Shirley B. Fletcher

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LTCOL Robert H. Livesay



Col. Carter before plaque with General Patterson, Chairman, Nat'l. Board, Civil Air Patrol

COLONEL JAMES E. CARTER

[In San Francisco, California, 21 September 1974, Colonel James E. Carter, former Commander of Civil Air Patrol, Alaska Wing, received a plaque which is now on display in the Civil Air Patrol's Hall of Honor at the Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio. This is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a member of Civil Air Patrol. The following is the tribute paid to Col. Carter during this presentation at the CAP National Convention in San Francisco.]

By coincidence, two important events in the Territory of Alaska took place about the same time in 1959. The territory became the nation's 49th state—and Colonel James E. Carter became the new commander of Civil Air Patrol's Alaska Wing.

For the next 14 years, as the State more than doubled its population, the Alaska Wing, under Colonel Carter, kept pace by providing a variety of key services to all people of the nation's biggest state.

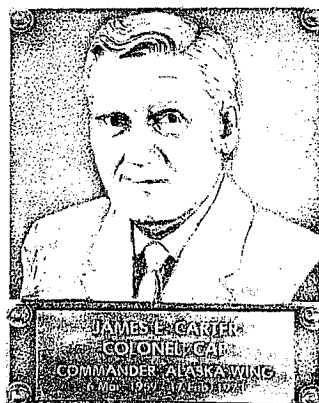
Foremost among these was a professionally-trained, highly-motivated emergency services force available around the clock. This force responded hundreds of times to perform a variety of critical tasks in domestic emergencies, including floods, earthquakes, and severe storms.

At the heart of this state-wide organization was a fleet of aircraft manned by skilled crews and several hundred ground support specialists. Their combined exploits in search and rescue consistently established new records during thousands of airborne humanitarian missions. Each year, their dedicated professionalism saved a significant number of human lives and averted tragedy in many others by locating search objectives.

Despite the many tributes and citations won by the Alaska Wing for its indispensable role in emergency operations, Colonel Carter insured that all Civil Air Patrol objectives were fulfilled.

His personal emphasis on aerospace education exposed thousands of adults and youngsters to an area of scientific development which otherwise might never have been possible.

He was keenly aware of Alaska's unique dependence on air travel and the important future it held for aviation-oriented young men and women. Colonel Carter's role in merging these factors into a functional Civil Air Patrol cadet program is a sustaining testimonial to his foresight, management, and leadership.



FISCAL YEAR 1974

Alaska Wing Civil Air Patrol

Cash in bank per unit records July 1, 1973 \$ 8,608.95

Add: Receipts

Account No.	Account Title	Amount	
300	Membership Dues	\$ 6,504.50	
305	Fund Raising Activities		
310	Senior Activities	2,092.75	
315	Cadet Activities	704.60	
320	Materials and Supplies	1,193.90	
325	Flight Dues and Time		
330	Donations and Appropriations	61,753.63	
335	Insurance Collected		
340	From Other CAP Units	7,061.42	
345	Salvage Proceeds	738.00	
350	Other Receipts	5,003.31	
Total Receipts			\$ 85,052.11

Total Beginning Bank Balance and Receipts During Year \$ 93,661.06

Less: Expenditures

400	Office Expense	\$ 2,031.16	
405	Materials and Supplies	1,885.50	
410	Payments to Other CAP Units	3,603.47	
415	Facility Expense	5,986.59	
420	Cadet Activities	2,119.70	
425	Senior Activities	4,393.18	
430	Fund Raising Activities		
435	Miscellaneous Expense	3,274.77	
440	Aircraft Operations and Maintenance	45,619.56	
445	Communication Operation and Maintenance	48.00	
450	Vehicle Operation and Maintenance	1,179.17	
460	Other Equip. Operation and Maintenance		
465	Insurance Payments	3,441.00	
470	REDCAP, SAR, and CD Expense		
475	Salaries		
477	Travel Expense	3,663.40	
479	Awards		
484	Legal and Accounting Services	385.00	
486	Taxes	1,415.73	
490	Note Payments		
495	Aircraft Purchased	1,797.00	
497	Vehicles Purchased		
498	Communication Equipment Purchased	937.31	
499	Other Property Purchased	1,787.00	
Total Expenditures			\$ 83,567.54

Cash in bank per unit records, June 30, 1974 \$ 10,093.52

Approved bank for unit funds First National Bank of Anchorage

FISCAL YEAR 1974

Subordinate Units Consolidated Report

Cash in bank per unit records July 1, 1973 \$ 16,424.05

Add: Receipts

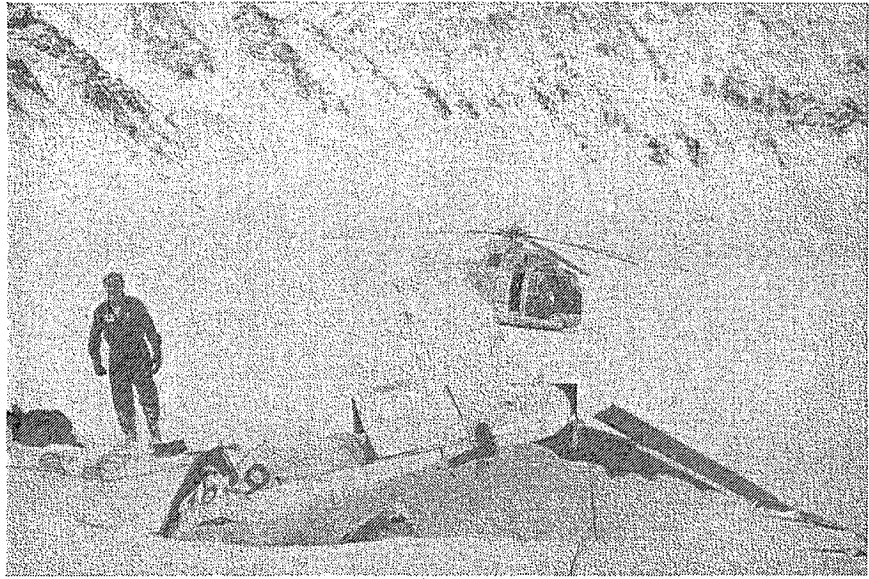
Account No.	Account Title	Amount	
300	Membership Dues	\$ 6,000.00	
305	Fund Raising Activities	36,832.54	
310	Senior Activities	2,647.78	
315	Cadet Activities	3,334.46	
320	Materials and Supplies	867.13	
325	Flight Dues and Time	5,344.50	
330	Donations and Appropriations	1,772.07	
335	Insurance Collected		
340	From Other CAP Units	4,500.82	
345	Salvage Proceeds		
350	Other Receipts	15,282.19	
	Total Receipts		\$ 76,582.49

Total Beginning Bank Balance and Receipts During Year \$ 93,006.54

Less: Expenditures

400	Office Expense	\$ 1,456.19	
405	Materials and Supplies	1,299.65	
410	Payments to Other CAP Units	5,528.44	
415	Facility Expense	7,397.35	
420	Cadet Activities	5,139.20	
425	Senior Activities	619.46	
430	Fund Raising Activities	12,860.10	
435	Miscellaneous Expense	2,758.02	
440	Aircraft Operations and Maintenance	12,162.84	
445	Communication Operation and Maintenance	1,403.03	
450	Vehicle Operation and Maintenance	239.01	
460	Other Equip. Operation and Maintenance		
465	Insurance Payments		
470	REDCAP, SAR, and CD Expense	69.31	
475	Salaries		
477	Travel Expense		
479	Awards		
484	Legal and Accounting Services		
486	Taxes		
490	Note Payments		
495	Aircraft Purchased	7,000.00	
497	Vehicles Purchased		
498	Communication Equipment Purchased	1,100.00	
499	Other Property Purchased	2,104.77	
	Total Expenditures		\$ 61,137.37

Cash in bank per unit records, June 30, 1974 \$ 31,869.17



**Capt. Mitch Abood
Director of Operations
Alaska Wing CAP**

OPERATIONS

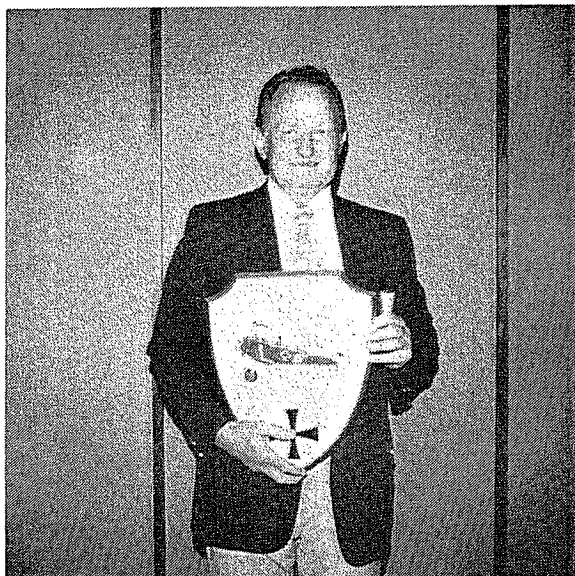
The Alaska Wing CAP is composed of three groups under the guidance and supervision of Wing Headquarters at Elmendorf AFB. The three Groups are: Polaris Group, Merrill Field, Anchorage; Yukon Group, Fairbanks, Alaska; and the Southeastern Group, Juneau, Alaska.

In 1974, the Alaska Wing flew 19,625 hours, utilizing 30 aircraft on Search and Rescue missions as designated by the Rescue Coordination Center at Elmendorf AFB. These rescue missions resulting in the saving of 12 lives, 118 assists, with five still missing.

In addition 1248.1 hours were flown for proficiency and the tracking down of E.L.T.'s that for various reasons were false signals in that no lives were endangered. A CAP rescue unit was activated in Bethel, Alaska and a Beaver was assigned for their operation section. CAP also established a Cessna 305A on floats at Sitka, Alaska for their rescue efforts. A unit is planned for Gulkana, Alaska in the near future because of increased activity in this area. CAP aircraft are being shifted to those areas showing the need as Alaska's economy expands, and the need for more effective rescue becomes apparent.

The Alaska Wing received three Otters from Army Surplus and it is planned to equip two of them with complete life support systems for medical evacuations. Also available on a standby basis will be RN's, doctors and trained medical technicians. CAP will then have the capability to fly to remote areas and evacuate the seriously ill or injured and have the ability of keeping them alive until they can be hospitalized.

Except for a few problems that have taken longer to solve than usual because of shortages and galloping inflation, Operations had a very successful year, and looks forward to 1975 being even better with the continued support of our members and the public sector in Alaska.



Pat Cody, Director of Aerospace Education for the Pacific Region CAP is famous for his Red Baron Luftwaffe and inducted the teachers, instructors, and coordinators who were not members into this notable order.



Shown in this picture is Gen. C. Yeager, the first man to fly faster than the speed of sound and also the first man to fly twice as fast as the speed of sound, looking over one of the graduating certificates with Capt. Keith Trexler of CAP, one of the coordinators of the Education Workshop, Alaska Wing Director of Aerospace Education.

AEROSPACE EDUCATION

Highlight of the year for the Wing's Aerospace Education program was the annual CAP-USAF-University of Alaska aerospace education workshop. This year, as in many years past, Dr. Roland B. Stickney of the University of Alaska coordinated the event which featured classroom instruction in the use of aerospace subjects in elementary and secondary schools, a tour of aerospace facilities in the local area, and an Air Force helicopter ride around Anchorage. Lecturers included USAF General Chuck Yeager, the first man to fly faster than sound, NASA and FAA representatives, and CAP Regional AE Director, Pat Cody. Alaska Wing gave ten \$25 scholarships to teachers attending the workshop. Air Force Reservist Lt. Col. Stowell Johnstone provided administrative assistance while Wing Director of AE, Maj. Keith Trexler, presented the CAP program to the 29 teachers and educational administrators in attendance. The 1975 workshop is in the planning stages and will feature an overseas tour, perhaps to Australia.

Other AE programs included presentations of the CAP AE system to various service clubs, an AE survey of Alaska schools, and providing of AE information and materials to teachers throughout the state.

RESERVE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Reservists of all the military services can gain retirement credit through assisting Civil Air Patrol programs. The Air Force's 9004th Air Reserve Squadron has primary responsibility for the CAP reserve assistance program. In Alaska, members of the 9004th provided nearly 400 hours of help at Wing and Squadron levels. In addition, over 200 hours of help were given to Alaska CAP efforts by reservists assigned to other Air Force and Army units. Reservists assisted in the annual search and rescue evaluation, provided major input to the Wing's aerospace education program, and assisted at Cadet activities, including the Polaris group Type B Encampment. CAP-RAP in Alaska is coordinated by Maj. Keith Trexler, USAFR.



Major Wilse G. Morgan, Director of Communications, with Cadet during 1974 communications conference

COMMUNICATIONS

The annual Wing communications exercise was held on October 5, 1974. Participation was excellent by Civil Air Patrol stations throughout the state. The Assistant Director of Communications, 2nd Lt. Ed Lochrie, operated Net Control at Wing Headquarters during the exercise. Director of Communications, Major Wilse Morgan, assisted Capt. Ken Kokjer, Fairbanks Group Comm Officer, in training cadets in radio procedure in Fairbanks during the exercise.

Ten new HF sideband radios were installed in Wing aircraft in 1974. These new radios will greatly expand our instant communication capability with Wing and Group headquarters during searches.

Alaska Wing purchased 210 single-channel citizens' band radios which were converted to our own CAP frequency 26.620 MHz by CAP personnel at the Polaris Group hangar. Capt. Jeff Bowden, Polaris Group Comm Officer, supervised the modification and was responsible for quality control. These radios will be issued to both Cadets and Senior Members who are interested in becoming more proficient in radio operations and net procedures. These radios were purchased through the New Hampshire Wing CAP at a substantial discount.

In Juneau, the Southeast Group Comm Officer has revamped the communications facility, put up new antennas, and added a linear amplifier to greatly increase his HF sideband capabilities. They are presently installing VHF air-ground equipment to improve search and rescue capability.

The Polaris Group received a private donation which was used to purchase a VHF FM repeater. All Wings have instructions from National Headquarters CAP to implement the installation of such repeaters as soon as possible. Capt. Jeff Bowden of Polaris Group has presently installed the repeater at Merrill Field for testing purposes. The final location for this repeater will be on Site Summit, where it will be used for two modes of communication. The first will be for standard FM mobile and base station operation; the second will be for aircraft VHF AM communication with mobile, base station or hand-held FM transceivers. This second mode will permit any VHF AM-equipped aircraft to communicate over much greater distances than is presently possible.

Alaska Wing purchased 8 new HF sideband base station transceivers for distribution to Groups and Squadrons throughout the Wing.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

**for as the lightning comes
from the east and shines as
far as the west, so will be
the coming of the
SON OF MAN**

Units within the Alaska Wing during 1974 totalled 21. Each Unit has on its roster of personnel the position of Chaplain. This slot as well as other Civil Air Patrol positions, are to be filled by volunteers. To qualify for the Chaplain's post in CAP, a minister must be an active clergyman in good standing and have the endorsement for this service of his denomination. This service is open to clergy of all faiths and when appointed they must minister to, or provide for, the religious needs of all faith groups represented in the CAP unit and the people served.

We have at present 15 Chaplains serving the units of our state. We need additional volunteers and are actively recruiting more clergy to serve those units yet without Chaplains.

In the Senior units the Chaplain provides counsel and religious support for the organization. He offers prayer at meetings and fills an important role as a spiritual resource in emergency search and rescue operations. In the Cadet squadrons the Chaplain conducts the Moral Leadership training classes, character and citizenship guidance, as well as personal counseling. He also conducts services at summer encampments and week-end bivouacs.

The Alaska Wing is divided into three Groups with a Chaplain attached to each. The Yukon Group at Fairbanks has a newly appointed Chaplain, Glenn Wilcox. The Polaris Group at Anchorage has Chaplain Edward Wolfe. We are presently in the process of appointing a Chaplain for the Southeastern Group at Juneau.

Reports of the Chaplains of the Alaska Wing for 1974 reveal that they conducted 621 activities (meetings, interviews, lectures, visits, services, etc.), in which 7010 individual participants were in attendance, and contributed 809 hours of volunteer service. The volunteer clergy serving as Chaplains in the Alaska Wing, CAP are pleased to have a significant role in its operations.

*John L. Maakestad, Lt. Col., CAP
Alaska Wing Chaplain, 1974*



Cadet Rangers just before leaving on a search mission

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS ALASKAN AIR COMMAND
APO SEATTLE 98742



22 AUG 1974

Colonel James V. Brown
Commander, Alaska Wing CAP
P.O. Box 1836, Anchorage, AK, 99501

Dear Colonel Brown:

Please convey my appreciation to the Elmendorf and Anchorage Cadet Squadrons of the Polaris Group, for the invaluable assistance rendered by the Cadet Rangers during a recent Rescue Coordination Center mission.

The mission involved the search for Donald Casey, 14 years old, missing in the Thunderbird Falls area. The Cadets responded to a very short notice request with nine Rangers to commence the initial ground search. They worked with the Alaska State Troopers throughout the evening of 11 Aug and continued the search into the early morning by illumination flares provided by a HC-130. The Cadets were again called up on 13 Aug to provide search teams and responded with 15 Rangers. These highly motivated young people worked with Army search units plus other civilian volunteer units. The professional manner in which they conducted themselves was outstanding. The Alaska State Trooper in charge of the ground search units had nothing but praise for the invaluable assistance provided by these dedicated Cadets.

This unselfish and professional response reflects credit upon the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program, the Polaris Group and the Alaska Wing CAP.

Again, My personal thanks for this professional response. This assistance is typical of the outstanding cooperation afforded the RCC by the Alaska Wing Civil Air Patrol.

Sincerely,


GEORGE E. ELDRIDGE, Lt Col, USAF
Chief, Rescue Coordination Center



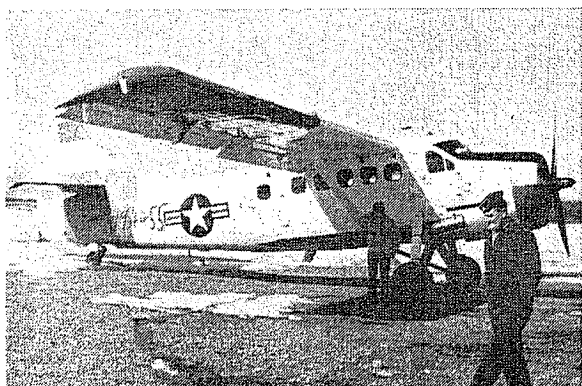
Major Robert W. Reinert
Director of Logistics

LOGISTICS

The Logistics branch of the Alaska Wing Civil Air Patrol headquarters has spent considerable time and effort during calendar year 1974 in updating essential equipment, rewarehousing, and disposing of excess reparable equipment and vehicles no longer feasible to maintain.

In line with the Wing Commander's policy that equipment not having a justified need should be disposed of as it is costly to maintain and store, the Logistics branch has in fact disposed of 15 tons of unserviceable excess equipment, and four vehicles. We are also in the process of disposing of eleven more various types of vehicles as an economic move and our Wing's contribution to the national energy conservation program.

Efforts to improve this branch are beginning to reap benefits both in financial savings to CAP Wing Headquarters, and improved inspection results as evidenced by the latest CAP Region inspection/audit wherein the Logistics branch attained an "Excellent" rating, the first ever for this branch. Major Reinert, the Wing Logistics Officer, stated this was accomplished through a combined teamwork effort of the entire Wing staff.



An Alaska Wing CAP Otter, one of three picked up from Army Surplus

ACTIVITIES



Dinner time at Fly-In at Homer Spit



Checking plane for contamination during annual Civil Defense Test



CAP Beaver on floats at 6-Mile Lake



Civil Air Patrol must hold fund-raising events to cover expenses other than those covered by State and Federal funding. Polaris Group CAP held a successful "Grand Spree" for this purpose. Assisting Polaris Group members in determining the winners is Miss Alaska.

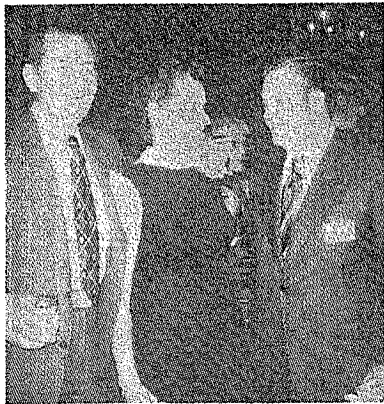


For devotion well beyond the call of duty in the search for Congressmen Begich and Boggs, these Polaris Group members were presented the CAP Certificates of Meritorious Service. Left to right are: 1/Lt. Ralph Thomas, Capt. Deane Jepson and Major Dale Jepson.



For the Polaris Group's efforts in the location of the downed plane carrying James L. Montgomery, V.P. and Treasurer of Anchorage Natural Gas, the company donated \$5,000 to Civil Air Patrol. Making the presentation is Dale Teel, President of Anchorage Natural Gas, to Comm. of Polaris Group Major Bill Waldron.

THE WARREN'S RETIRE



On October 19th over twenty people from Civil Air Patrol flew to Juneau, Alaska, to attend the farewell party held at the Baranof Hotel ballroom that evening. There, some sixty or more people from the Juneau area joined in for the ceremonies. The guests of honor, Ralph and Alice Warren, were paid tribute for their many years of service to Civil Air Patrol. Ralph retired as the Commander of the Southeastern Group and Alice from Administration. Between them they built a great respect for Civil Air Patrol in Alaska's capitol and throughout the state.

Both Ralph and Alice intend to remain active in Civil Air Patrol but not in the demanding role of leadership. They want to travel and do many other things they have planned for so long. Everyone in Wing wishes them many years of happiness and thanks them for their devoted service to Civil Air Patrol.

SOUTHEASTERN SAVES EIGHT LIVES



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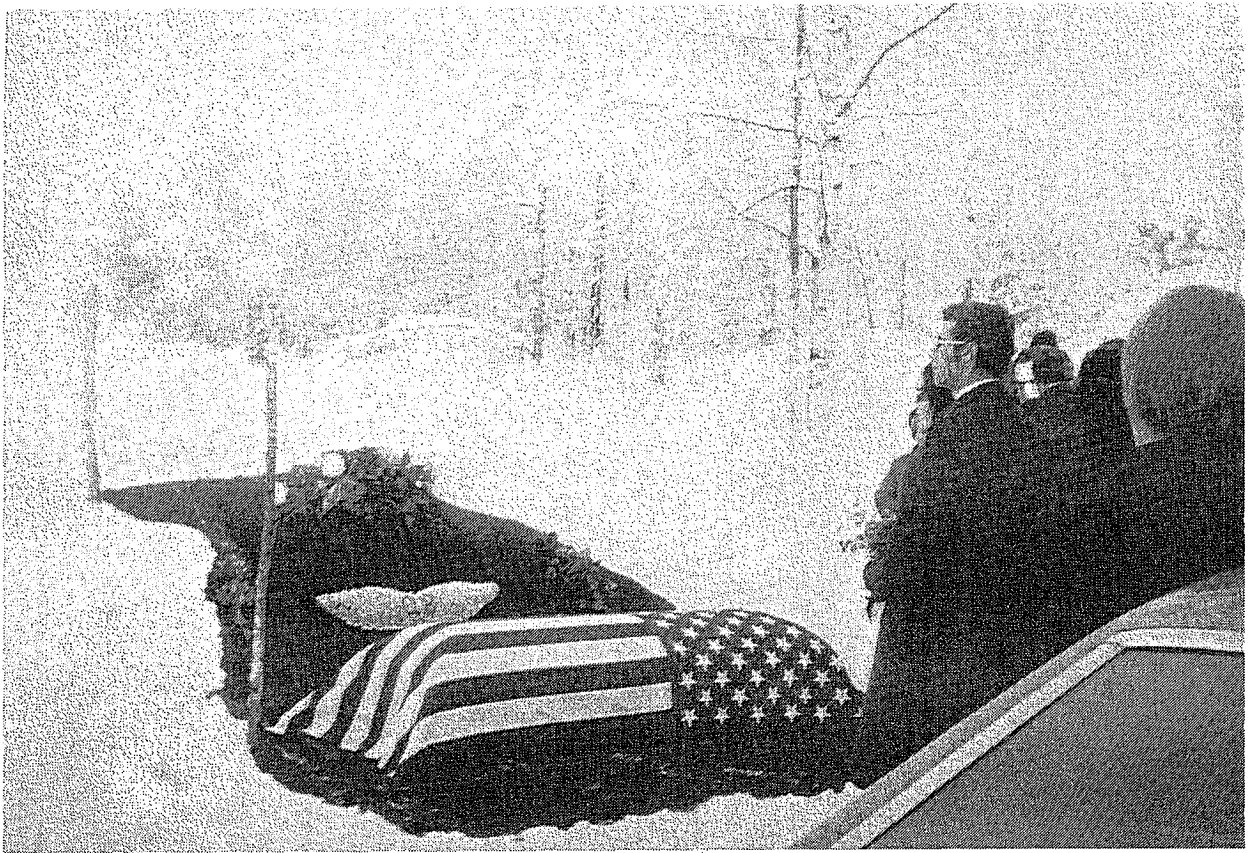
I wish to personally thank you for your part in assisting with the successful search for our missing motor lifeboat, CG-44392. It was through the combined efforts of people like yourselves that the eight aboard CG-44392, including two very young children, are with us today. I am particularly grateful to Mr. Bernie Bennett and Mr. Jack Gucker who first located our boat. I assure you that all of your efforts are deeply appreciated and, on behalf of all of us, I thank you again.

Sincerely,

G. O. THOMPSON

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard

Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District



*Civil Air Patrol grieves with all of Alaska for the passing of Don Sheldon,
a member of Civil Air Patrol, who truly represented the ideals of CAP;*

SEARCH AND RESCUE—*Don became world famous for his daring
rescues from the icy grip of Mt. McKinley;*

PROMOTION OF AEROSPACE—*Don's exploits thrilled the world and
created interest in that proportion for the advancement of aviation;*

CADET PROGRAM—*his daring inspired youth to greater achievement,
not only in aviation but in all walks of life.*

Alaska Wing CAP Leads the Nation in Saves and Finds

CIVIL AIR PATROL SEARCH AND RESCUE STATISTICS — 1974

Wing	Sorties	Hours	Finds	Saves	Wing	Sorties	Hours	Finds	Saves
Alabama	72	93	2	0	Nat. Capital	14	10	0	0
Alaska	952	1,383	53	12	Nebraska	116	191	9	1
Arizona	419	933	5	2	Nevada	222	459	3	1
Arkansas	40	51	1	0	New Hampshire	175	221	0	0
California	1,412	2,203	16	1	New Jersey	119	227	1	0
Colorado	1,015	1,943	10	2	New Mexico	430	830	3	3
Connecticut	13	22	3	0	New York	257	432	4	0
Delaware	1	2	0	0	North Carolina	504	1,032	5	0
Florida	369	633	2	0	North Dakota	17	27	3	0
Georgia	350	627	5	0	Ohio	79	204	2	0
Hawaii	35	74	1	0	Oklahoma	69	36	0	0
Idaho	62	123	3	3	Oregon	51	30	1	0
Illinois	46	74	1	0	Pennsylvania	1,174	2,250	5	1
Indiana	32	64	3	0	Puerto Rico	0	0	0	0
Iowa	60	105	1	0	Rhode Island	1	1	0	0
Kansas	13	16	1	0	South Carolina	74	120	1	0
Kentucky	101	191	0	0	South Dakota	31	137	1	0
Louisiana	23	49	3	0	Tennessee	395	630	3	1
Maine	22	26	1	0	Texas	550	1,245	6	0
Maryland	133	233	0	0	Utah	435	939	5	4
Massachusetts	177	355	4	1	Vermont	135	223	0	0
Michigan	105	256	2	0	Virginia	323	553	1	0
Minnesota	73	165	2	0	Washington	373	659	3	0
Mississippi	20	62	0	0	West Virginia	124	237	2	0
Missouri	50	93	1	0	Wisconsin	109	225	5	4
Montana	3	12	1	0	Wyoming	46	114	1	0

*One find shared with another wing.

TOTAL 11,557 21,773 134 36

